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SUBJECT: NEW SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL PRESS SERVICE

REFERENCE LIMA 9921

1. SUMMARY. NO PUBLICITY NOTED IN US ON RELEASE IPS REPORTER GRECHIN SMALL AND HER RETURN HERE. ONLY RECENT COVERAGE OF STORY HAS BEEN IN MEXICO CITY DAILY. IPS CONTINUES TO SEEK USG INTERVENTION TO CAUSE REOPENING THEIR OFFICE LIMA. APPROPRIATE ACTION BY EMBASSY REQUESTED.

2. EMBASSY TO BE COMMENDED FOR EXPERT HANDLING GRECHIN SMALL ARREST CASE - IN INTERVENTION TO ENSURE MRS. SMALL'S RIGHTS WERE RESPECTED, SUCCESSFUL EXPEDITION OF PERUVIAN JUDICIAL PROCESSES, AND SPECIAL ATTENTION TO FACILITATE HER RELEASE AND RETURN TO US. ALSO APPRECIATE FULL REPORTING ON CASE (REFTEL AND PREVIOUS).

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3. NO PUBLICITY SO FAR HAS BEEN GIVEN BY IPS TO MRS. SMALL'S

ARRIVAL HERE OR FIRSTHAND ACCOUNTS OF HER EXPERIENCE IN LIMA. PRESS CONFERENCE STAGED OCTOBER 27 IN WASHINGTON DC OFFICE IPS BY DENNIS SMALL PRIOR TO MRS. SMALL'S RELEASE. HOWEVER, NO PICK-UP OF STORY NOTED IN US PRESS.

4. ONLY COVERAGE GAINED WAS THAT GIVEN BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MEXICO CITY DAILY "EXCELSIOR"; LATTER RAN INSIDE-PAGE ARTICLE OCTOBER 28, REPORTING THAT US LABOR PARTY (OF WHICH IPS IS PRESS WING) HAD DENOUNCED USG FOR PREPARING A "CHILEAN STYLE" COUP AGAINST PRESIDENT MORALES BERMUDEZ, WHOSE REGIME IN PERU MISREPRESENTED BY USG AS LACKING POPULAR SUPPORT. CONTRAST THIS WITH RECENT IPS DEPICTION OF GOP AS "COOPERATING" WITH USG IN ARREST OF MRS. SMALL AND CLOSURE IPS OFFICE LIMA. SOLE REFERENCE IN "EXCELSIOR" ARTICLE TO THESE EVENTS WAS IN REVELATION ASCRIBED TO DENNIS SMALL THAT MRS. SMALL AND PERUVIAN IPS DIRECTOR VASQUEZ WERE ARRESTED IN LIMA "BY INTERPOL" (SIC) FOLLOWING THEIR IDENTIFICATION BY US EMBASSY AS "INTERNATIONAL CRIMINALS" (SIC). COPY OF ARTICLE BEING POUCHED; ALSO COPIES OF RECENT IPS PRESS RELEASES (NONE PUBLISHED IN ANY KNOWN PAPERS HERE).

5. IPS HAS CONTINUED TO CONTACT DEPARTMENT, DEMANDING USG INTERVENE WITH GOP TO REOPEN IPS OFFICE LIMA. IPS HAS BEEN ASKING SUPPORT FROM USG, NOT (AS SUGGESTED IN LIMA REFTEL) PARALLEL TO THAT PROVIDED BY USG WHEN MARCONA MINING COMPANY NATIONALIZED BUT RATHER PARALLEL TO WHAT USG WOULD BE DOING IF AN AMERICAN PRESS OFFICE IN LIMA WERE CLOSED WHICH BELONGED TO UPI OR AP.

6. IPS HAS SUPPLIED ADEQUATE EVIDENCE OF ITS INCORPORATION IN US, WHICH WE POUCHING. THEIR LAWYER LIMA REPORTEDLY ASSERTS HE CAN DO NOTHING ON THEIR BEHALF UNTIL THE GOP INVESTIGATION COMPLETED AND CHARGES PREFERRED.

7. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED (A) TO URGE GOP TO EXPEDITE INVESTIGATION OF IPS ACTIVITIES AND SUCH JUDICIAL PROCESSES AS THEREUPON MAY BE REQUIRED, AND (B) TO ENSURE HANDLING OF MATTER BY GOP IS IN NO WAY DISCRIMINATORY AGAINST THIS US FIRM. PLEASE KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS.
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